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OF

NEW QUAY, CARDIGANSHIRE

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

ANNUAL REPORT, 1960



MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH:

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PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR:

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NEW QUAY
URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

1959/60
Chairman

Councillor Ivor C. Pursey

1960/61
Chairman

Councillor W. Cherry

Public Health matters are considered by the whole Council which consists of nine members, including the Chairman.

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To the Chairman and Members of the
New Quay Urban District Council.

PREFACE

I have pleasure in presenting the Annual Report of the Health Department for the year ended 31st December, 1960.

The number of registered live births was fourteen, an increase of three on the figure for the previous year. There were no stillbirths or infant deaths registered and no mother died as the result of childbirth.

The number of deaths registered during the year was eighteen compared to twenty-two the previous year. The death rate per thousand population is higher in the New Quay Urban district than in the County of Cardigan as a whole and considerably higher than the figure for England and Wales. This is due to the fact that we have a large number of elderly people living in the district. Eleven persons died of heart and circulatory diseases, two as the result of accidents and the remainder died from a variety of causes.

The only case of infectious disease notified was one case of pneumonia. There were no cases of tuberculosis. It would, therefore, appear that New Quay had a very good year as far as any infections were concerned.

A more detailed account of the work of the Health Department will be found in the ensuing pages which include a portion prepared by the Public Health Inspector, Mr. W.T. Rees. He states that the present refuse tip will be full in twelve months time. It is, therefore, imperative that we find an alternate site in the near future.



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New regulations for the control of caravan and camping sites were discussed by the Council during the year. In view of the popularity of New Quay as a holiday centre it is of the utmost importance to adopt and maintain a high standard of hygiene in these sites.

Although there is no long waiting list for housing accommodation in the Urban District there is still a demand for Council houses or bungalows.

I wish to thank you for the continued interest taken by members of the Council in Public Health matters.

SUMMARY OF GENERAL STATISTICS

Area (in acres)	281
Population (Census 1951)	1,093
Population (Registrar General's Mid-Year 1960)	920
Rateable Value at 1st April, 1960	£11,862
Rateable Value at 1st April, 1961	£11,866
Sum represented by a penny rate 1960/61	£45
Estimated sum to be obtained by a penny rate 1961/62	£47

SUMMARY OF VITAL STATISTICS

		<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Number of registered live births	Leg.	11	2	9
	Illeg.	3	1	2
Number of registered still births	Leg.	-	-	-
	Illeg.	-	-	-
Number of deaths of infants under 1 year	Leg.	-	-	-
	Illeg.	-	-	-
Number of deaths of infants under 4 weeks	Leg.	-	-	-
	Illeg.	-	-	-
Number of deaths of women ascribed to childbirth		-	-	-
Number of registered deaths			18	
Areal comparability factor for births			1.49	
Areal comparability factor for deaths			0.66	

Vital Statistics for the Area

with comparative figures for Cardiganshire and England and Wales were applicable

	New Quay U.D.C.	Cardiganshire	England and Wales
No. of live births - male	3	362	
No. of live births - female	11	375	
Total number of live births	14	737	
Live birth rate per 1000 population	15.22	13.83	17.1
No. of stillbirths	-	20	
Still-birth rate per 1000 live and stillbirths	-	26.42	19.7
Infant deaths (under 1 year)	-	19	
Infant mortality rate per 1000 live births - total	-	25.78	
Infant mortality rate per 1000 live births - legitimate	-	22.79	
Infant mortality rate per 1000 live births - illegitimate	-	85.71	
Neo-natal mortality rate per 1000 live births - (first four weeks)	-	17.63	
Illegitimate live births per cent of total live births	21.43	4.74	
Maternal deaths including abortion	-	-	
Maternal mortality rate per 1000 live and stillbirths	-	-	
Total number of deaths	18	740	
Death rate per 1000 population	19.57	13.89	11.5

Area comparability factor for births: 1.49

Area comparability factor for deaths 0.66

CAUSES OF DEATH

<u>Registrar General's Code Number</u>		<u>Number of Death</u>		
	<u>Causes of Death</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
1	Tuberculosis, respiratory	-	-	-
2	Tuberculosis, other	-	-	-
3	Syphilitic disease	-	-	-
4	Diphtheria	-	-	-
5	Whooping cough	-	-	-
6	Meningococcal infections	-	-	-
7	Acute poliomyelitis	-	-	-
8	Measles	-	-	-
9	Other infective and parasitic diseases	-	-	-
10	Malignant neoplasm, stomach	-	-	-
11	Malignant neoplasm lung, bronchus	-	-	-
12	Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	-	-
13	Malignant neoplasm, uterus	-	-	-
14	Other malignant & lymphatic neoplasms	-	-	-
15	Leukaemia, aleukaemia	-	-	-
16	Diabetes	-	-	-
17	Vascular lesions of nervous system	1	3	4
18	Coronary disease, angina	1	1	2
19	Hypertension with heart disease	-	2	2
20	Other heart disease	2	1	3
21	Other circulatory disease	-	-	-
22	Influenza	-	-	-
23	Pneumonia	-	-	-
24	Bronchitis	-	-	-
25	Other diseases of respiratory system	-	-	-
26	Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	-	-	-
27	Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	-	-	-
28	Nephritis and nephrosis	-	-	-
29	Hyperplasia of prostate	-	-	-
30	Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	-	-	-
31	Congenital malformations	-	-	-
32	Other defined and ill-defined diseases	1	4	5
33	Motor vehicle accidents	-	-	-
34	All other accidents	1	1	2
35	Suicide	-	-	-
36	Homicide and operations of war	-	-	-
TOTAL		6	12	18

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

The following is a list of the notifications of infectious disease, other than tuberculosis, received during the year.

Cholera	-
Diphtheria	-
Dysentery (amoebic and bacillary)	-
Encaphalitis	-
Erysipelas	-
Food poisoning	-
Malaria	-
Measles	-
Meningococcal meningitis	-
Ophthalmia neonatorum	-
Paratyphoid fever	-
Plague	-
Pneumonia (acute primary and acute influenzal)	1
Polionyelitis	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	-
Relapsing fever	-
Scarlet fever	-
Smallpox	-
Typhoid fever	-
Typhus fever	-
Whooping cough	-

TUBERCULOSIS

The following table shows the sex and age distribution of the new cases notified during the year.

AGE GROUP	RESPIRATORY		NON-RESPIRATORY	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
0 - 1	-	-	-	-
1 - 2	-	-	-	-
2 - 4	-	-	-	-
5 - 9	-	-	-	-
10 - 14	-	-	-	-
15 - 19	-	-	-	-
20 - 24	-	-	-	-
25 - 34	-	-	-	-
35 - 44	-	-	-	-
45 - 54	-	-	-	-
55 - 64	-	-	-	-
65 - 74	-	-	-	-
75 +	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	-	-	-	-

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA.

The services provided by the local health authority are essentially the same as in 1959. They are as follows:-

- (a) No ante-natal or post-natal clinic is held in the district by the local health authority. Expectant and nursing mothers receive medical advice from their own medical practitioners and from the consultant obstetrician.
- (b) An infant welfare clinic is held once a fortnight.
- (c) The domiciliary midwifery service is carried out by the district nurses who are also State Certified Midwives.
- (d) The New Quay Urban District Council area forms part of a much larger area covered by a Health Visitor of the County Council.
- (e) Home nursing is in the hands of the district nurse.
- (f) Poliomyelitis vaccination is carried out by the local health authority and immunisation against diphtheria is performed partly by the former and partly by the person's own medical attendant.
- (g) Home help is provided by suitable persons who are, as a rule, engaged locally.

SECTION 47 OF THE NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948

No action was required to be taken during the year under the above enactment.

DULYN THOMAS.

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

Swyddfa'r Sir,
ABERYSTWYTH.

May, 1961.

ANNUAL REPORT OF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

I have pleasure in submitting my Annual Report on work done during the year 1960.

Water Supply.

The water supply for the whole of the district is under jurisdiction of the South Cardiganshire Water Board. The supply of water was plentiful throughout the year and the six samples taken for bacteriological examination were all found to be satisfactory. No Chemical samples were taken during the year.

The waters are liable to have plumbo-solvent action and the use of lead piping is prohibited in the district.

The whole of the district is supplied by the mains comprising of 920 approximately 468 dwelling houses and a population of

There are no Public Swimming Baths in the district.

Drainage and Sewerage.

The sewers have functioned throughout the year without any trouble. The system is by gravitation to a settling tank on the Dolau Beach. The effluent from this tank is discharged into the sea approximately nine feet below ordinary low water mark.

The sedimentation tank has been designed for a population of just over 1,000, consequently in the summer months when the population is trebled or more, the sedimentation is inadequate. All the houses are within reach of the sewer except for about 30.

Closet Accommodation

Number of closets connected to the sewerage system	428
Number of closets connected to cesspools and septic tanks	24
Number of pail closets within the range of sewers not connected	Nil
Number of pail and earth closets	6

Public Cleansing.

Refuse Cleansing is undertaken by the Council and this service covers the whole of the area of the Urban District. Collection is carried out weekly during the winter months and twice weekly during the summer season. The vehicle used for this work is an open trailer towed by a tractor.

I am please to report that at the time of writing the Council have advertised for tenders for a properly constructed refuse vehicle.

This vehicle is of a modern design, being entirely enclosed except for the rear, where the actual loading of the vehicle takes place.

The refuse when collected is tipped at a disused quarry approximately two miles outside New Quay and at the present rate of tipping it is estimated that the quarry will be full in twelve months time.

The tipping is controlled and the whole quarry has been adequately fenced to prevent trespass and animals straying on the tip.

Householders use a various assortment of receptacles for the storage of refuse and it is my desire to see every house provided with a standard dustbin with a close fitting lid.

Sanitary Inspection of the area.

Number of houses inspected

Under the Public Health Act, 1936	12
Under the Housing and Rents Act	23
Number of houses inspected after infectious diseases	Nil

Notices Served

Public Health Act, 1936

Number of informal notices served	4
Number of informal notices complied with	6
Number of statutory notices served	Nil
Number of statutory notices complied with	3

Housing

(a) There were no houses built by the Council during the year, and only one built under private enterprise. At the end of the year two private houses were under construction.

(b) Housing Repairs and Rents Act, 1954 and Housing Act, 1957

1. Unfit houses closed or declared unfit	Nil
2. Unfit houses made fit and houses in which defects were remedied after informal action	5

(c) Housing Act, 1949, Housing Repairs and Rents Act, 1954.

Improvement Grants - Discretionary

<u>No. Applications Approved</u>	<u>Approved Expenditure</u>	<u>Approved Grant</u>
5	£3,530	£1,765

<u>No. Payments Made</u>	<u>Amount Paid</u>	<u>Total Payments</u>
7 Finals	£2,089. 3. -	£2,471. 3. -
4 Instalments	£382. -. -	

(d) House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959.

Improvement Grants - Standard

<u>Applications Received</u>	<u>Approved</u>	<u>Owner/Occupier</u>	<u>Others</u>
Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

PAYMENTS	AMENITIES PROVIDED				
	Bath	Wash-hand basin	Hot water	Water Closet	Larder
1	1	1	1	1	1

(e) Rents Act, 1957

(i)	Number of applications of certificate of disrepair	Nil
(ii)	Number of decisions not to issue certificates	Nil
(iii)	Number of decisions to issue certificates	Nil
(iv)	Number of certificates of disrepair issued	Nil
(v)	Number of applications by landlord for cancellation of certificate	1

Rats and Mice Destruction

All types of premises were visited and where necessary advice and poison baiting was carried out. All infestations were treated by the Council's Rodent Operator. Seven treatments were carried out during the year in private dwellings and four major infestations were treated at the Refuse Tip.

Moveable Dwellings - Public Health Act, 1936 (Section 269).

Number of sites licensed for camping purposes	5
Number of caravans licensed as temporary dwellings	1

The sites are licensed for a period of three years

Burial and Cremation of the Dead.

National Assistance Act, 1948 (Section 50)

Number of persons buried by the Authority Nil

Municipal Cemetery

Number of persons buried from within the district 10
Number of persons buried from outside the district Nil

The cemetery is under the care of Mr. Dan Lewis.

Council Houses

Number of Council Houses in the district 28

These are all situated on an estate at "Cylch-y-llan" and on the whole are in a satisfactory state of cleanliness.

Number of persons on the Council Waiting List on the 31st December, 1960

From within the District 12

Inspection and Supervision of Food Premises

Number of inspections of meat shops and vans 4
Number of inspections of restaurants 6
Number of inspections of premises where ice cream is sold 10
Number of inspections of dairies Nil

Milk Supply

Number of retailers within the district 2
Number of dairies Nil

Unsound Food

Food condemned unfit for human consumption -

Cheddar Cheese 9 lbs. 8 ozs.
Cooked Ham 52 lbs. 1 oz.

Slaughter of Animals Act, 1933.

Licences issued to slaughtermen Nil
No applications were received to licence slaughterhouses

Food Poisoning

There was no case of food poisoning during the year.

Factories Acts, 1937 and 1948
Inspection during the year.

Premises	No. on Register	No. of		
		Inspections	Notices	Prosecutions
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by the Local Authorities.	3	3	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	4	2	-	-
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	7	5	-	-

I should like to thank the Members of the Council and the staff for their assistance and co-operation during the year.

W.T. REES

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR.

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